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[X] 29 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 17 page(s) of claims

[X] 27 sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-19) [X] formal [] informal

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[] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

[] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[] _____ page(s) of Sequence Listing

- computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
- Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same
- Claim for Priority
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- English translation documents
- Information Disclosure Statement
 - Copy of ____ cited references
 - Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No. 09/443,158.
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
 - Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. 08/889,319.
 - Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- This application is a continuation of prior US patent application serial no. 09/443,158, filed November 18, 1999 which is a continuation of prior US patent application serial no. 08/889,319, filed July 7, 1997 which is a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now issued US Patent No. 5,794,207, each of which is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.
 - Cancel in this application original claims 1-97 of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
 - A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
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- Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.

- [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a [x] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 09/443,158, filed November 18, 1999 which is a continuation application of serial no. 08/889,319, filed July 8, 1997 which is continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now US Patent No.5,794,207.

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- [] A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ _____.
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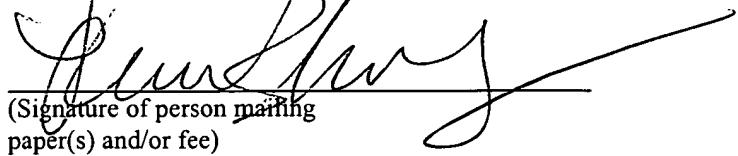
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